

## Mackinac Bridge September Traffic Report

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**October 13, 2003**

Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 451,732 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of September. This represents a 8.5 percent decrease when compared to the 493,683 crossings during September 2002. Commercial traffic for the month of September was down 2.3 percent.

Traffic for the first nine months of 2003 is running 5.0 percent behind last year's pace; 3,546,295 vehicles versus 3,733,095 in 2002. Commercial traffic for the first nine months of 2003 is up 0.7 percent over the same period of last year.

Fare revenue for the month of September was up 46.0 percent and 35.2 percent for the year, compared to 2002. This increase is due to the recent toll restructuring that was implemented on May 1, 2003.

Mr. Sweeney reported that construction activity continues at the Mackinac Bridge. He asks that travelers drive with extreme caution during the construction season, slow down, be aware of our construction workers, and "Give 'em a Brake".

	Traffic 2003	Traffic 2002	%Inc.	2003 Fare Revenues	2002 Fare Revenues	% Change
<b>January</b>	230,336	225,788	2.0	\$601,274	\$576,938	4.2
<b>February</b>	226,199	238,647	-5.2	\$581,708	\$604,214	-3.7
<b>March</b>	245,427	256,872	-4.5	\$617,334	\$641,746	-3.8
<b>April</b>	246,102	262,768	-6.3	\$612,611	\$649,797	-5.7
<b>May</b>	370,850	383,847	-3.4	\$1,323,354	\$866,318	52.8
<b>June</b>	464,103	493,491	-6.0	\$1,591,978	\$1,042,211	52.8
<b>July</b>	638,340	685,603	-6.9	\$2,066,579	\$1,370,229	50.8
<b>August</b>	673,205	692,396	-2.8	\$2,139,152	\$1,384,356	54.5
<b>September</b>	451,732	493,683	-8.5	\$1,541,121	\$1,055,364	46.0